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| <b>UTILITY<br/>PATENT APPLICATION<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br><br>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) | Attorney Docket No.    | 04813.0045.CPUS03         |
|  | First Inventor         | Stuart I. Smedley         |
|  | Title                  | METHOD FOR OPERATING A ME |
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See 37 CFR 1.27.
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  - Detailed Description
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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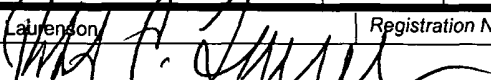
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The following documents are enclosed for appropriate action:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal
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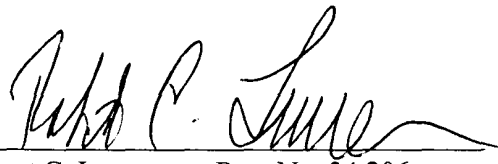
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